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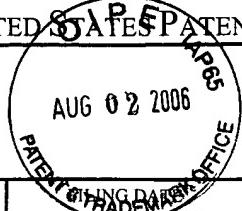
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Wolff (USPN 6101508).
2. Regarding claim 1, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system comprising:
 - a plurality of physical storage volumes for storing a plurality of files of data identified by a single file system (Wolff, col.3, l.62-64, col.15, l.15-19);
 - storage area network ("SAN") for coupling said physical storage volumes (Wolff, fig. 1a, col.4, l.34-38);
 - client network (Wolff, fig. 2a);
 - a plurality of storage nodes, coupled to said client network and to said storage area network, each one of said storage nodes for conducting storage operations on said files of said file system stored on said physical storage volumes (Wolff, col. 5, l.8-17);
 - and

load balancing switch, coupled to said network and to said storage nodes (Wolff, col.9, l.15-33), for receiving a request from a client to conduct a storage operation on a file identified in said file system and for selecting one of said storage nodes to process said storage operation (Wolff, col.9, l.15-34, fig. 2a, col.27, l.45-53).

3. Regarding claim 2, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said load balancing switch comprises a layer four load balancing switch (Wolff, col.20, l.16-42, in which the load balancer resides in the cluster aware Lan/Wan client works as layer four router such as determining the suitable path).

4. Regarding claim 3, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said storage network utilizes a TCP/IP network protocol (Wolff, col.4, l.31-38, in which the NFS is support by TCP).

5. Regarding claim 4, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said storage network utilizes a UDP/IP network protocol (Wolff, col.4, l.31-38, in which the NFS is support by UDP) .

6. Regarding claim 5, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said storage network comprises a local area network ("LAN") (Wolff, col.5, l.34-40).

7. Regarding claim 6, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein a storage node comprises:

a file system manager for processing said client requests for storage operations (Wolff, col.60, l.28- col.61, l.20) ; and

a volume manager for accessing said physical volumes (Wolff, col.62, l.18-40).

8. Regarding claim 7, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said storage operation comprises a write operation (Wolff, col.62, l.6-12).

9. Regarding claim 8, Wolff teaches a distributed data storage system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said storage operation comprises a read operation (Wolff, col.62, l.6-12).

10. Regarding claims 9-16, claiming for the method for storing files in a distributed data storage system, have limitations corresponding to distributed data storage system claims 1-8. Therefore, claims 9-16 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-8.

11. Regarding claims 17-24, claiming for computer readable medium for storing a plurality of instructions, have limitations corresponding to distributed data storage

system claims 1-8. Therefore, claims 17-24 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-8.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelvin Lin whose telephone number is 571-272-3898. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexible 4/9/5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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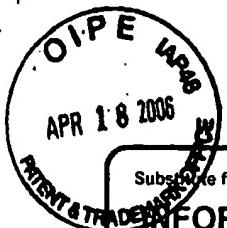
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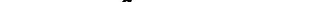
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